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VEGETABLE OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any board is functioning for the development of vegetable oil sector;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof;

(c) whether these boards are not functioning satisfactorily and their meetings are not being held properly due to which their objectives are not being achieved; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government after reviewing the functioning of these boards and success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): National Oilseeds and Vegetables Oils Development (NOVOD) Board was created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament enacted in 1983 with the objectives covering development of oilseeds and vegetables oils industry and for matters connected therewith.

(c) & (d): The meetings of the NOVOD Board and its Managing Committee are being held from time to time wherein the functioning of the Board in being reviewed with regard to the implementation of the Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds" entrusted to the Board.

Further, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had commissioned a study by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad for mid-term evaluation of the Central Sector Scheme " Integrated Development of Tree-Borne Oilseeds" being implemented by the NOVOD Board. The report of the study indicated satisfactory implementation of the Scheme.